

Colonel James S. Rice
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U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, Director

Colonel Rice is currently the director of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). The AW2 serves the most severely wounded, injured or ill Soldiers and their Families and helps them with their transition back into civilian or military life.

Prior to his role as director of the AW2, Colonel Rice served as the Commander of the 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas. He led a deployment to Kuwait where he served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 as the commander of all medical forces in country and for medical logistics across the CENTCOM AOR.

Other assignments include Deputy Commander, 44th Medical Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander of the 56th Medical Evacuation Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom I; Deputy Special Assistant for Military Support in the Office of the Secretary of the Army; Current Operations Branch Chief and Aeromedical Support Officer for the Director of Military Support (DOMS), HDQA G-3 in the Army Operations Center; Current Operations and Training Officer and later Chief of Operations for the 3rd Medical Command, Decatur, Georgia; Commander, 229th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance), Fort Drum, New York; S-2/3 and Battalion Executive Officer, 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany; Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 45th Medical Company, Katterbach, Germany; Aeromedical Evacuation Officer, 236th Medical Company and Aviation Officer, 332nd Medical Brigade in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm; Commander, Medical Company, United States Army Aeromedical Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama; Flight Platoon Leader, 507th Medical Company, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Field Medical Assistant, Office of the Division Surgeon, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Executive Officer, and Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Wisconsin Army National Guard.



His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with One Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Colonel Rice has also been honored with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; nine Meritorious Service Medals; the Army Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster; an Army Achievement Medal; a Good Conduct Medal; a National Defense Service Medal; the Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal; the Kuwait Liberation Medal; a Joint Meritorious Unit award; a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Army Superior Unit Awards. He proudly wears the Expert Field Medical Badge, Senior Army Aviator Wings, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and has been awarded the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Colonel Rice holds a Master of Science degree in International Studies from Troy State University and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. He is also a graduate of the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course; UH-60 Qualification Course; Army Aviation Safety Officers Course; the Aircraft Crash Investigators Course; the Aviation Officer Advanced Course; and the Army Command and General Staff Officer Course.