

Adams to lead Army Veterinary Corps



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Colonel Timothy K. Adams will succeed Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates as chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, effective Oct. 3.

As chief of the Veterinary Corps, Col. Adams also will receive a promotion to brigadier general. The AVMA advocated for the 2002 legislation that restored the general star to the corps.

"My selection to serve as Veterinary Corps chief is both an honor and a responsibility, to lead over 600 extraordinary Veterinary Corps officers," Col. Adams said. "They are working around the world to protect our nation and support our war fighters in over 100 countries—serving in assignments ranging from care of marine mammals to rebuilding agricultural economies, from protecting the food of our service members to basic research in the protection from diseases."

Colonel Adams' Army experience includes work in the Special Forces, public health, and research as well as leadership positions in garrison and operational locations. He has commanded three times—at the captain, lieutenant colonel, and colonel levels.

Most recently, Col. Adams commanded the Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the first time a veterinarian headed the institute. While commanding the 72nd Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service), he led the first veterinary unit that deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in command of the 100th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service) (Small), he deployed to Iraq for Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

Colonel Adams also is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. He earned his veterinary degree from Purdue University in 1986.

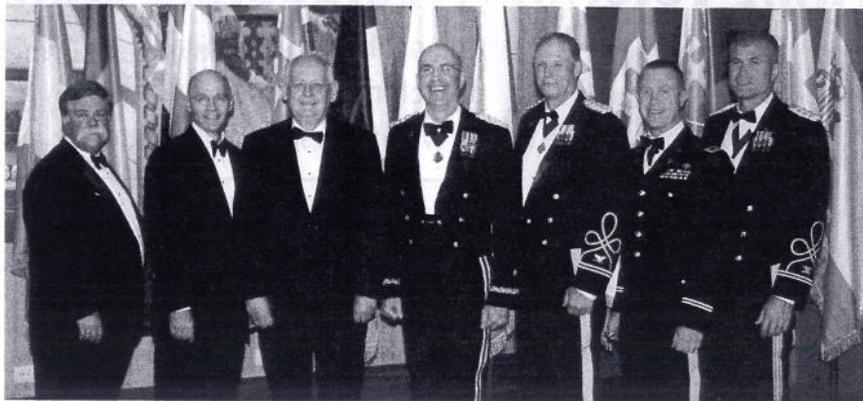
"With his wide range of assignments and experiences, along with his depth of military and civilian education, Colonel Adams is clearly qualified and prepared to lead our versatile and vigilant U.S. Army veterinary team," Brig. Gen. Cates wrote in a message announcing his successor.

In addition, the Army surgeon general has selected Col. Adams to be commander of the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Colonel Adams noted that the Army has allowed him to grow professionally while also serving his country.

"The career opportunities the Army offered me are unparalleled, and I hope that current (veterinary) students and ... graduates who are looking to see the breadth of challenges and possibilities for their degree will look at what the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps has to offer," he said. ♣

Military veterinarians focus on 'one health' at symposium



Dr. Gregory S. Hammer, AVMA 2007-2008 president; Dr. Ron DeHaven, AVMA executive vice president; Dr. Leon H. Russell, then president of the World Veterinary Association; Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates, chief, Army Veterinary Corps; Col. Marc Mattix, deputy chief, Army Veterinary Corps; Col. Dave Rolfe, commander, Army Veterinary Command; and Col. Les Huck, commander, Europe Regional Veterinary Command

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps has a key role in military medicine and stability operations as well as humanitarian assistance in today's world, said Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates, corps chief, at the 54th International Military Veterinary Medical Symposium.

"One Medicine, One Health" was the theme of the symposium, May 12-16 in Garmisch, Germany. Brigadier General Cates also discussed the value and necessity of partnerships between U.S. Army veterinarians and veterinarians from other services, agencies, and nations.

Dr. Gregory S. Hammer, AVMA 2007-2008 president, spoke at the symposium about how the AVMA's strategic goals will serve to improve human and animal health while advancing the veterinary profession.

"'One health' is an integral part of our profession, and it has strong ties with the AVMA's strategic goals," Dr. Hammer said.

The hosts for the symposium were Brig. Gen. Cates along with Col. Les Huck, commander of the new Europe Regional Veterinary Command—previously the 100th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service). Attendees included military veterinarians from 15 European countries as well as the United States. Also participating were Dr. Ron DeHaven, AVMA executive vice president; Dr. Leon H. Russell, then president of the World Veterinary Association; Dr. Marguerite Pappaioanou, executive director of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; and Capt. Hugh Mainzer, chief veterinary officer of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. 🇺🇸