

Director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton

Brigadier General Sutton was nominated for appointment to the grade of brigadier general on May 7, 2007 and confirmed by the Senate on May 25, 2007. She assumed duties as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury on September 4, 2007. In this capacity, she also serves as Director of the DoD Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, which commenced initial operation on November 30, 2007.



Prior to this assignment, Brig. Gen. Sutton has served in a variety of leadership, policy and operational roles, including as the Commander, Carl R. Darnall Army Community Hospital at Fort Hood, Texas; Command Surgeon, United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM); Commander, DeWitt Army Community Hospital / Health Care Network; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital; Division Surgeon, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized); Special Assistant to the Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. (Ret) Ronald R. Blanck; White House Fellow and Special Assistant to Office of National Drug Control Program Director, Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, US Army (Retired); Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Disaster Medicine Consultant at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS); Chief of Inpatient Psychiatry at William Beaumont Medical Center; Division Psychiatrist, 1st Armored Division, including deployment from Germany to Operations Desert Shield / Storm; and Mental Health Officer with 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment Task Force, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt.

Brig. Gen. Sutton has received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Order of Military Medical Merit. She has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and the German Armed Forces Efficiency Training Badge (Silver) and is authorized to wear the US Army 9th Infantry Regiment Manchu Warrior Belt Buckle. Other honors include the Col. Robert Skelton Award as the outstanding officer in residency training at Letterman Army Medical Center, and the Sandoz Award as the outstanding graduate medical student at Loma Linda University in the field of Psychiatry. Brig. Gen. Sutton has received the "American Patriot" award from the Non-Commissioned Officer Association (NCOA); she also serves proudly as a Yellow Rose of Texas; Honorary Texan; Admiral of the Texas Navy; Kentucky Colonel; and an Honorary Member of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. Selected to serve as a member of Leadership Washington (LW), Class of 2003, she was subsequently elected to serve on the LW Board of Directors, 2003-2004.

Brig. Gen. Sutton completed her Internship and Residency training in Psychiatry at Letterman Army Medical Center, located at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. She holds a Medical Degree from Loma Linda University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Pacific Union College. Board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Brig. Gen. Sutton is licensed to practice medicine in California. She is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and a distinguished graduate of the National War College.